

Art Unit: 2112

DETAILED ACTION

0.1 This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 5/21//2007. Claims 1-2, 4-18 and 20 are amended. Claims 3 and 19 are canceled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Applicant's Representative, Lisa A. Norris on 9/4/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 17: line 2, after computer-readable medium replace "containing" by ---storing---

DEG 10/12/07 Claim 20: line 20, after computer-readable medium replace "containing" by ---storing---

Allowable Subject Matter

2. After further search and through examination of the present application and in view of the prior art of record, claims 1-2, 4-18 and 20 are found to be in condition for allowance.

Reason for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention relates to detection and prevention of malicious code propagation, such as computer worm propagation.

To achieve the inventive goal, independent claims 1 and 17 identifies the distinct features "wherein upon a determination that the request is not suspicious, releasing the request; and